

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy  
August 12, Public Session Meeting Minutes  
Location: 436 Dwight St. Springfield, MA 01103 Room 320  
Public Session Minutes**

**Present:**

**Board members:**

Paul Andrews, Vice Chair  
Alexei Levine, Board Member  
Mindy Ruddock, Board Member  
Saskia Coté, Board Chair  
Ellen Walker, Board Member

**DPL Staff:**

Ana Garcia, Executive Director  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel  
Liam Powers, Investigator

**Board members not present:**

Anne Marie Kennedy, Board Member

**Item 1) 10:10 a.m. Meeting called to order:**

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure:** Executive Director Garcia detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency. Do not use the elevators, exit down the stairwell onto Dwight St.

**Item 2) 10:11a.m. Board Meeting Business:**

- **Public Session minutes July 8, 2019** – Motion made by Ms. Coté to approve July 8, 2019 Public Session minutes with proposed edits. Seconded by Ms. Walker. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session minutes July 8, 2019-** No action as there were no executive session items on the July 8, 2019 agenda.
- **2020 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar-** Motion made by Ms. Coté to approved proposed 2020 board meeting calendar with proposed date for October meeting for October 19, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Ruddock. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3) 10:15 a.m. Board Counsel Report:**

- Update on latest information for CBD and the Massage Therapy Board- board counsel updated board members on information regarding the use of CBD oil. The board does not regulate CBD or the usage of CBD. Wither or not an individual should be using the oil, would be considered an additive or a product incorporated into the service. Counsel also reminded the board that there has been an anti-sedative medication approved by the FDA to use as an ingredient through prescription medication, which would be considered a regulated controlled drug.

Counsel does not recommend the board take a position on CBD. Practioners using the oil should incorporate as part of the service and cannot sell as retail.

**Item 4) 10:18 a.m. Compliance Monitoring:**

- 2017-0000869-IT-ENF [TC]- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report & Corrective Action Plan-*tabled from July-* Board reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report submitted at the last meeting which was held on July 8, 2019

however motioned to table to request the Corrective Action plan to be submitted by the licensee as part of their consent agreement terms, due to the deficiencies in practice highlighted by the licensee's professional monitor. Licensee submitted Corrective Action plan to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly report on July 24, 2019.

Motion made by Ms. Ruddock to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report and Corrective Action plan for 2017-000869-IT-ENF [TC]. Seconded by Mr. Levine. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5) 10:25 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases:** [closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C and closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §18,(5)(d)]

**Ms. Ruddock moved to exit open session and enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences and quasi-judicial deliberative session. Ms. Walker seconded. After a roll call vote, all "yes." The motion passed unanimously.**

During investigatory conference, the Board took the following action:

- 2019-000403-IT-ENF[BJ]-**Dismiss w/o prejudice**
- 2019-000377-IT-ENF [CR]- **Dismiss w/o prejudice**
- 2019-000301-IT-ENF [MA]- **Fwd to Prosecutions**
- 2019-000737-IT-ENF [DC]- **Dismiss w/advisory**
- 2019-000036-IT-ENF [S.LLC]- **Fwd to Prosecutions**

**Item 9) 2:10 p.m. Final Decision & Order:** [Deliberative Session: closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §18, (5)(d)]

The board reviewed cases in closed session to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations.

At the end of the discussion, the closed session resumed.

**11:09 a.m. Ms. Cote motion to exit closed session and enter open session. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Item 10) 11:11 a.m. New Business:**

**Item 11) 11:19 a.m. Adjournment:**

Ms. Coté made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Levine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ana Garcia  
Executive Director